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1. Agencies and units, which, from 15 July to 10 August, moved to Strausberg airfield included the administrative offices for rear services, the billeting department (VQN), the construction department, and the motor transport unit commanded by Major Kuehnel (fnu). The administrative offices and departments came from Schneller Strasse in Berlin-Niederschoteneweide and occupied Section I a. The administrative offices moved into wing F of building No 9 part of which was completed in the meantime, while the two departments were accommodated in building No 6a which had been vacated by the departmental heads. The motor transport unit came from Berlin-Adlershof and occupied Section Ib. Major Kuehnel who was relieved from his duties was succeeded by Captain Walter (fnu).^{1, 2}

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2. In building No 6 a of Section I a of Strausberg airfield Colonel Johannes Rochlitz, former head of the billeting department, now occupies the room of Major General Heinrich Mueller, former head of the construction department, former head of the motor transport unit, former head of the rear services department. The room of Lieutenant General Heinrich Hoffmann was furnished and equipped as a typing center. ^{2, 3}

3. Within Section I a the offices which were hitherto located in building No 4 moved to the completed wing A of building No 9, while components of the political department moved from building No 6b to wing B of building No 9 which was also completed. The vacated rooms in building No 6 b were occupied by the training department. Only departmental heads had free access to building No 3 which also housed the office of Major General Heinrich Hoffmann.^{2, 3}

4. It was disclosed that the service station in Section Ib which was not yet entirely completed, but had to be provisionally opened due to the arrival of the motor transport unit would have a demand for 100,000 liters fuel.

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5. On 26 August 1955, the billeting offices (QNAs) were advised immediately to remove the designation of Ministry of the Interior from all rubber stamps, office seals, and letter-heads because redesignation was being expected. For the ~~new stamp~~ the designation of the billeting offices read only "The Government of the German Democratic Republic, Kasernierte Volkspolizei,.... Billeting Office". 4
6. In early ~~September~~ 1955, it appeared ~~that the KVP was to be~~ provisionally separated from the ~~Ministry of the Interior~~ of the Ministry of the Interior ~~and~~ issued by the Ministers' Council of the Democratic Republic of Germany. They authorized the KVP chief to decide by himself on all construction measures up to the amount of 10 million eastmarks per project. This power was hitherto exclusively reserved to the Minister of the Interior. 4 So the powers of a minister were vested in the KVP chief in regard of decisions on investments. 4
7. In early September 1955, it appeared that another two billeting offices were scheduled to be established in Magdeburg and/or Karl-Marx-Stadt (Chemnitz) in early 1956. 5
8. The 1C apartment houses for KVP generals of the Strausberg headquarters which were under construction in the area between Straussee (lake) and Fontane Strasse in Strausberg were scheduled to be completed on 15 October 1955. In anticipation of parts of the 1956 program it was intended to start still this year the construction of single houses and double houses for Soviet advisers in the vicinity of the Strausberg hospital.
9. In early September 1955, Colonel Rochlitzer, head of the ~~Army~~ billeting department, ordered that "Aktion Ruhe" be executed immediately and as quickly as possible. This operation concerned measures for the blackout of the windows of all headquarters buildings in the area of the several billeting offices. Besides, funds of some 100,000 eastmarks were allocated for the execution of "Massnahme Hecke" which called for the fencing-in of installations where fences were not yet erected.
10. The construction of additional garages in the area of ~~the~~ installation was subjected to approval by Major General ~~of the~~ ~~head~~ of the motorization department; Major General ~~of the~~ ~~head~~ of the ordnance department; and Lieutenant Colonel Hofweber (fnu), deputy head of the motor transport department. 6
11. It was allegedly intended to equip ~~the~~ new-style uniforms whose cut and ~~of the~~ former German Army uniforms. Allegedly, samples were already available.
12. In mid-August 1955, a service station was completed southwest of the workshop south of the former Eggersdorf - Hennickendorf road in the area of the Eggersdorf installation. It included 3 tanks

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each of which had a capacity of 20,000 liters, a twin-standpipe for diesel fuel, and a single standpipe for gasoline. It was intended to construct another installation of the same type still in 1955, while another two were scheduled to be constructed in 1956.

13. In early September 1955, it became known that the records of the former Saxonian Army archives which also included records of the former German Reich Ministry of Justice were taken to [redacted] Saxony. It was intended [redacted] them [redacted] archives which [redacted] of KVP General [redacted].
14. In late August 1955, Major Stahlhut's (fnu) direct superior was allegedly Lieutenant Colonel Nieber (fnu). 8
15. In early August 1955, the announced transfer of offices of the Ministry of the Interior from the installation on Schneller Strasse in Berlin to installation I in Strausberg was effectuated.
16. The army surveying school moved from Dresden to Halle. 9
17. The mid-August 1955, KVPs from the Eggersdorf installation picked up 2 medium AA guns at the Soviet supply depot in Strausberg. Heavy traffic of KVP trucks which took boxes from the Soviet depot to Eggersdorf was recently observed between the two installations.¹⁰
18. On 30 August 1955, another 300 men of the AAA unit in Eggersdorf allegedly went to the summer camp in the Wilkendorf forest. In early September 1955, an undetermined number of soldiers received training with a 85-mm AA gun in the area of the installation.¹¹
19. Prior to mid-August 1955, activities observed in the area of the Eggersdorf installation included the daily relief of the guard and, on some days, drill and aiming practices with four 85-mm AA guns. Driving school was held with several trucks. On 10 August 1955, 12 tank trucks left the installation toward Hennickendorf. 11
20. On 31 August 1955, 600 to 800 KVPs who wore red-bordered black collar patches and were presumably AA artillerymen were trucked away in several groups from quartering buildings No 9 and 10 to [redacted] destination. Although no guns were observed [redacted] weapons of this kind were no longer observed in the area of the installation prior to 8 September 1955. A KVP soldiers said that the unit moved to a tent camp. Buildings No 1 to 8 were still occupied by soldiers who wore red and red-bordered black collar patches.¹¹
21. [redacted] on 31 August 1955, two KVP shipments were made from Hoppegarten to Neuruppin. 25X1
22. Construction of the new garages was rushed. It was noted that these structures were constructed larger and higher than the existing garages. The dimensions of the doors were estimated at 4 x 4 meters.

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23. The 8 garages under construction at the Eggersdorf installation which contained a total of 215 bays were scheduled to be completed on 15 October 1955. It was allegedly intended to house tanks and guns in these structures.
24. From 18 to 22 August 1955, no activity was observed in the area of the KVP billets on Rudower Chaussee in Berlin-Adlershof. Trucks were only occasionally observed entering or leaving the installation. The sedans which were previously parked in the area of the installation were no longer observed. On 1 and 2 September 1955, billeting equipment was taken from the installation to the Adlershof railroad station on trucks whose drivers wore red-bordered black epplar patches. Soldiers wearing dark-blue collar patches were frequently observed in the area of the installation. Sentries standing guard at the gate of the installation wore red-bordered black collar patches. 1
25. On 19 August 1955, about 120 men were observed at drill practices in the area of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Six trucks were maintained. The billets quartered an estimated 250 to 300 KVPs. On 17 August 1955, a caterpillar tractor which presumably belonged to a unit stationed at Buchenwald was observed in the terrain outside the installation. 12
26. At 1030 on 26 August 1955, 18 KVP trucks each of which was loaded with a ponton passed through Neuruppin toward Rheinsberg from the southwest. The pontoons greatly resembled model TMP. 13
27. At 1900 on 27 August 1955, 50 to 60 KVP trucks, some loaded with pontoons, passed through Loewenberg toward Gransee from the direction of Oranienburg. 13

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1. Comment. The intended transfer to Strausberg of offices of the MdI/KVP which have still remained in East Berlin has already been reported some time ago. Major Kuehnal is known as the commander of the sedan battalion. Reference is also made in paragraphs 15 and 24 of the present report.
2. Comment. A layout sketch of Section I a has been annexed to a previous report. . In the meantime, some parts of building No 9 which has been under construction at that time have been completed.
3. Comment. Only the KVP ~~garrison~~ ~~officers~~, ~~Major~~ ~~Kuehnal~~, ~~Major~~ ~~Abelling~~, ~~Major~~ ~~Altenstein~~, and ~~Major~~ ~~Mayer~~ and their Soviet advisers are accommodated in building No 3.
4. Comment. The measures mentioned in the present report tend to indicate that the KVP as the future East German Armed Forces has already been released from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Interior, which, as is known, Maron (fnu) has taken over from Stoph (fnu) some weeks ago.

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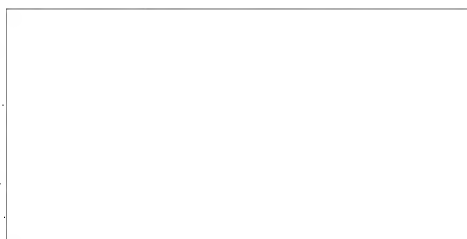
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5. Comment. This measure would increase the number of billeting offices from 11 to 13. It is possibly intended to adjust the number of the billeting offices to that of the administrative districts. 25X1
6. Comment. See paragraphs 22 and 23 of the present report. 25X1
7. Comment. It is believed that Major General Dr. Korfes in his capacity as head of the military history department belongs to Administration I of the MdI/KVP. 25X1
8. Comment. A Lieutenant Colonel Nieder (fnu) is known as head of the (topographic) Administration X of the MdI/KVP. 25X1
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9. Comment. Previous information dating from mid-June 1955 has indicated that a so-called cartographic KVP office, designated KVP-Dienststelle Halle XXI, had been stationed at Halle at that time. 25X1
10. Comment. The Soviet central ordnance depot of the Twenty-fourth Air Army is located in Strausberg. 25X1
11. Comment. The AAA regiment which is known in the Eggersdorf installation in addition to the guard regiment and the truck regiment has apparently moved to a summer camp, or possibly to an artillery range. 25X1
12. Comment. Recent information indicates that this installation is occupied by a newly activated KVP railroad engineer battalion. 25X1
13. Comment. component units of Engineer Regiment Kietz and Engineer Regiment Kuechensee. 25X1

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